

# ZODIAC DIEREKLINIEK

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## **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**

Over the past seven years ZODIAC ANIMAL CLINIC has been closely associated with UKUTULA LION CENTRE, seeing to the health and general welfare of all the animals.

During this time UKUTULA has been involved in several research projects undertaken by among others, the Veterinary faculty of the University of Pretoria at Onderstepoort, The University of the Western Cape, Berlin and Hamburg Universities in Germany as well as Utrecht University in the Netherlands. Research projects have been undertaken at UKUTULA that include research into LIV ( Lion Immunodeficiency Virus ), Tuberculosis, Fertility, Cryopreservation and most importantly the Genetics of White Lions.

UKUTULA has also hosted NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC on several occasions in their filming of research documentaries. To facilitate all these projects, it is of the utmost importance that all the animals at UKUTULA are kept under clean and humane conditions and that they are in top physical condition.

As veterinarian attending to the animals at UKUTULA, I can hereby give the assurance that the animals at UKUTULA are well looked after and in good health.

Blood tests have revealed that the lions are free of all major lion and feline viruses. The lions have also been used in the creation of a normal lion blood profile.

The owners of UKUTULA, Willi and Gillian Jacobs, are dedicated to conservation and have great compassion for the animals in their care.

Should you require any further information about UKUTULA or about their animals you are welcome to contact me.

Yours truly,  
Dr.GS Scheepers BVSc

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